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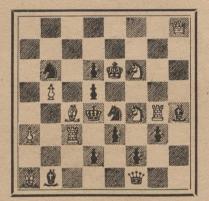






Solutions to problems and other correspondence should be addressed to the Chess Editor, Canadian Courier, 30 Grant St., Toronto.

PROBLEM No. 112, by Th. C. Henriksen, Fredrikstad, Norway. Black.—Twelve Pieces.



White to play and mate in two.
The above problem, which has a rather surprising key, took first prize in the Good Companions' Club, November Tourney.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 108, by L. Rothstein.
R—B5, B—K4; 2. Q—B6 mate.
Kt—K4; 2. QxP mate.
Kt—K6; 2. Q—Q3 mate.
B—K7; 2. Q—B2 mate.
threat; 2. R—B5 mate.

109 from Ottawa.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

(W. J. F.) Thanks for letter and solutions. (J. R. B.) Thanks for letter. Solutions very welcome any time. (G. C.) Staunton's Handbook, \$2.40, to American Chess Bulletin, -150 Nassau St., New York. Ask for new edition. A good primer. (R. G. S.) Thanks for the two games. (B. G.) Thanks for letters and solutions. Your interest is appreciated.

STALEMATE STRATEGY.

In the following two unique compositions, the defence exhibits a sense of humour by unconcernedly attempting to arrange a stalemate position. The attempt in each case has a fine strategic influence upon the procedure of the attack. We will give a further specimen next issue.

By F. Kohnlein,

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Deutsches Wochenschach, 1905,
White: K at QKtsq; R at K3; B at
QKt2; Kts at QB7 and KKt2; Ps at
QR3, QKt4, QB3, Q2, KB4 and KR4. Black,
at KKt5; R at K4; B at Q2; Ps at
QR3, QKt3, QKt6, QB5, Q6, K5, KB4 and
KR4. Mate in five. (1. K—Bsq, B—R5!
2. K—Qsq, R—R4! 3. P—Kt5! RxP; 4.
Kt—K8, etc. If 3. ..., BxP; 4. Kt—Q5,
etc. The threat is 3. K—Ksq and 4.
K—B2, etc.

By K. Erlin and O. Nemo.

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K—B2, etc.

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Munchener N. Nachrichten Ty., 1903.

White: K at KR7; Q at QB8; R at K3;
B at KKt8; Kt at QR2; Ps at QKt4, QB5,
Q6, KB2 and KKt4. Black: K at QK18;
B at KB3; Ps at QR5, QR6, QKt4, K5,
KB6 and KKt4. Mate in four. (1. Q—B5,
KB6 and KKt4. Mate in four. (1. Q—B5,
CEBSS IN ENGLAND.

Conde v. Yates.

(Third game of the match.)

A match of five games was recently contested at the Bradford C.C., between
Mr. A. G. Conde, a Mexican expert, and
F. D. Yates, the Yorkshire champion.
Play took place on Saturdays, the final game being contested December 2, which
Mr. Yates won and drew the match, each player having won two games with one drawn. The first game appeared last issue. The notes in each case are abridged from the British Chess Magazine, who in turn are indebted to the "Fjold" and the "Yorkshire Weekly Post."

Ruy Lopez.

White.

white.
G. Conde.
P—K4
Kt—KB3
B—Kt5
B—R4
Castles.
R—Ksq
P—QB3
P—KR3
P—Q3
Kt—Q2

12. Kt—B4
13. P—Q4
14. P—Q5
14. P—Q5
15. Kt—K3
16. B—Kt4
17. KtxKt
18. Kt—K3
19. Q—Q2
20. QR—Qsq
21. P—KB3
22. Kt—K2
23. B—Ksq
24. Kt—Kt3
26. P—QB4
27. KtxB
28. K—Rsq
29. P—Ktt3 (d)
30. PxP
31. R—B2
32. R—R2
33. RxRch
34. P—KKt4
36. K—Kt2
37. B—Kt3
38. P—QKt4 (e)
39. PxP
40. P—B5
41. BxPch
42. Q—K3 (f)
43. K—B2
44. R—Q4 (h)
46. QxPch
46. K—K2
48. QxB
49. K—Ksq
50. K—K2
51. Q—B6
53. QxBP
54. P—B6
Resigns (j) R—R2
Q—B3
B—Q2
P—B4
R—KKtsq
R—KKtsq
R—KK4
R—KK3
BxKt
P—R5
Kt—R4
P×P
R—KRsq
K—Ktsq
K—Ktsq
R—Ktsq
R—R3
PxP
R—R3
PxP
R—R3
PxP
R—R3
PxP
R—R6
P—B3
Q—R6 ch (g)
P—B5 43. Q—R6 ch (g)

44. P—B5

44. QAPch

45. PXB

46. R—Kt2

46. K—K3

47. Q—R8 (i)

47. K—Q2

48. BXR

49. Q—Kt7ch

49. K—Ksq

50. Q—Kt6ch

50. K—K2

51. Q—B5

52. K—R2

52. K—R2

53. P—B6

53. QXBP

54. QXQP

54. P—B6

55. R—QB2

Resigns (j)

(a) The advance of the Rook's Pawn 19

apt to weaken White's position. Preferable would have been P—Q3 at once, afterwards manoeuvring the Queen's Knight. via Q2 and Bsq, to K3.

(b) This move forestalling Black's intended P—KB4, was, perhaps, a little premature. Kt—Bsq might first have been played.

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(c) White does not exchange Pawns on account of his Queen's Pawn being weak on the open file, and Black plays on to Q5 to cramp the action of the White King's Bishop.

(d) This might well have been delayed, as White is left ultimately in command of the King's Rook file.

(e) The objective is, of course, to force through a passed Pawn on the Queen's file, but the plan is insufficiently prepared, with the result that White's Bishop joins the attack from Kt3. Better was R—QBsq.

(f) To avoid the threat of PxP and Q—R6 mate.

(g) White's best move here was to capture the Bishop, e.g., 43. PxB, QxPch; 44. K—Ktsq, Q—K\$ch; 45. Q—Bsq, Q—Kt6ch; 46. R—Kt2; Q—K6ch; 47. R—B2, and the position is too compilicated to analyse further, but is probably won for White; Black, however, would have had good drawing chances. If, instead, 44. Q—Kt2, then 44. Q—K8ch; 45. Q—K5ch, and draws, as the Rook cannot interpose. If, instead of the text—move, 43. PxP, then 43. BxPch; 44. QxR, Q—K\$ch, and draws, as the Rook cannot interpose. If, instead of the text—move, 43. PxP, then 43. BxPch; 44. QxR, Q—K\$ch; 45. K—Kt2, R—Ksq; 46. B—B4, R—K6; 47. Q—K7ch, R—K2; 48. Q—B3, R—K6, and draws.

(h) 44. BxPch and 45. B-Q4. Would have lost as follows: 44. B—Q4. Would have

47. ..., QxPch, drawing by perpetual check.

(i) A useful move, threatening mate at once, which brings the Queen into good play with a few checks.

(j) An exciting game.

TORONTO CHESS LEAGUE.

The following results have not previously been recorded.

Division "A."

Jan. 6.—Central Y.M.C.A. 1½, West End Y.M.C.A. 3½, Jan. 6.—Varsity 2, Parliament 2.* Jan. 6.—West End Y.M.C.A. 3, Toronto

Jan. 17.—Beach 3, Toronto 0.†

Jan. 20.—Parliament 2½, West End
Y.M.C.A. 2½.

Jan. 20.—Varsity 4½, Central Y.M.C.A.

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Jan. 6.—Beach 3½, West End Y.M.C.A.

Jan. 20.—Parliament 4, West End Y.M.C.A. 1.